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Aims of DVC
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Damodar Valley Corporation Limited was set up as a multipurpose project, if so, the details thereof along with the aims of DVC;

(b) the names of places where soil conservation, irrigation, agriculture and animal husbandry schemes of the DVC were started in addition to power generation, the names of the places where these schemes have been closed at present and the amount spent on these schemes so far; and

(c) the places where the CSR activities of DVC have been carried out and the total amount spent thereon, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : Damodar Valley Corporation, was set up as the first major Multipurpose Integrated River Valley Project of the country, conceived in line with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), came into existence on 7th July, 1948 by an Act of Central Legislature keeping in view the integrated development of Damodar Valley in the States of Bihar (presently Jharkhand) and West Bengal.

As per the DVC Act' 1948, the functions of the Corporation are:

i. Promotion and operation of schemes for irrigation, water-supply and drainage,

ii. Promotion and operation of schemes for the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical energy, both hydro-electric and thermal,

iii. Promotion and operation of schemes for flood control in the Damodar river and its tributaries and the channel, if any, excavated by the Corporation in connection with the scheme and for the improvement of flow condition in the Hooghly river,

iv. Promotion and control of navigation in the Damodar river and its tributaries and channels, if any,

v. Promotion of afforestation and control of soil erosion in the Damodar Valley, and

vi. Promotion of public health and the agricultural, industrial, economic and general well-being in the Damodar Valley and its area of operation.

(b) : (1) Soil Conservation: Soil Conservation works in DVC started in the year 1992-93 in Damodar Barakar catchment area spread over the district of Palamu, Hazaribagh, Dhanbad, Bokaro, Giridih in Jharkhand and Purulia in West Bengal on micro water shed basis and were stopped in the year 2006-07 due to stoppage of contribution of fund from Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India. The incomplete works in micro water shed were completed by DVC during 2008-09. The total expenditure on various schemes under Soil and Water Conservation from 1992 to 2008-09 is Rs. 93.17 crores.

(2) Irrigation: Irrigation schemes of DVC started with a canal network of 2509 KM length to provide irrigation water to the district of Burdwan, Hooghly and Bankura in West Bengal. The total expenditure on the above irrigation system incurred up to 1963 was Rs. 45.35 crores. In the year 1964 the barrage and irrigation system was handed over to Govt. of West Bengal on re-imbursement basis. However, DVC is still supplying irrigation water to the above 03 districts in West Bengal.

(3) Agriculture: Foreshore farm: Few foreshore farms were established in the year 1954-55 by DVC in the district of Koderma, Hazaribagh, Dhanbad in Jharkhand and Burdwan in West Bengal for the purpose of development of scientific agriculture in valley area. The above farms were closed down during 1994-95.

Soil Testing Lab: A soil testing laboratory was established by DVC in the year 1950 at Hazribagh to provide advisory services to the farmers of Hazaribagh, Giridih, Jamtara, Bokaro in Jharkhand and Purulia in West Bengal. The annual average expenditure including establishment charge stands at Rs. 54 lakh over last 03 years.

(4) Animal Husbandry: No scheme on animal husbandry has been taken by DVC.

(c) : Details of CSR activity are as below:

CSR activities(since 1981-82)
Jharkhand West Bengal
Name of Districts Amount spent (Rs. in crore) Name of Districts Amount spent (Rs. in crore)
Dhanbad
118.69 Barddhaman
52.69
Bokaro Bankura
Koderma Purulia
Hazaribag
Education (since 2007-08)
State Amount spent (Rs. in crore) State Amount spent
(Rs. in crore)
Jharkhand 117.40 West Bengal 59.73
TOTAL 236.09 112.42

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